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SUBJECT: Interagency Intelligence Assessment:  
THE CUBAN PRESENCE IN NICARAGUA

This estimate was self-initiated as a result of my desire to have the Intelligence Community look  and see how it affected our judgments. I intend to also publish the results in a short NID/PDB Feature.


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The Intelligence Community has recently reviewed its information and analysis of the Cuban presence in Nicaragua. As a result, we believe that we now have a firmer data base for our present estimate of some 6,000 to 7,500 Cuban personnel there, including some 2,500 to 3,500 military and security personnel. This number could be higher if it were confirmed that there are more Cubans at Nicaraguan Zonal and Regional Headquarters than currently estimated. Furthermore, the Intelligence Community has agreed that at least two Cuban military units are active in Nicaragua (one special troops company and one special naval unit), and it is possible that one or more others may be present. The Community agreed that while we had no firm evidence that Cuban military units were engaged in direct combat with the anti-Sandinista insurgents, there was growing evidence that Cuban advisers are heavily involved in the counterinsurgency effort and occasionally take part in actual fighting. Finally, the Community agreed that there was good evidence to support the estimate of 3,500 to 4,000 Cuban civilians in Nicaragua, including construction workers, communications personnel, health workers, and agricultural advisers. [REDACTED]

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